

COMPLETE LISTING OF CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-42 (canceled)

43. (currently amended): A cooking vessel for supporting a food product during cooking, comprising:

an embossed sheet of aluminum or aluminum alloy;

wherein the embossed sheet has a patterned surface to support a food product during cooking;

wherein the patterned surface has raised portions and lower portions;

wherein the raised portions form a substantially planar surface;

wherein the raised portions extend generally vertically from the lower portions;

and

wherein a combination of the raised portions and the lower portions form air pockets or air channels.

44. (original): The cooking vessel according to claim 43, wherein the air pockets or the air channels enhance heat transfer during cooking.

45. (original): The cooking vessel according to claim 44, wherein the air pockets or the air channels provide air circulation or air flow during cooking.

46. (original): The cooking vessel according to claim 43, wherein the air pockets or the air channels provide air circulation or air flow during cooking.

47. (original): The cooking vessel according to claim 43, wherein no other metallic, aluminum, or aluminum alloy layer is integral to the aluminum sheet with the patterned surface.

48. (currently amended) A cooking vessel for supporting a food product during cooking, consisting of:

an embossed sheet of aluminum or aluminum alloy;

wherein the embossed sheet has a patterned surface to support a food product during cooking;

wherein the patterned surface has raised portions and lower portions;

wherein the raised portions form a substantially planar surface;

wherein the raised portions extend generally vertically from the lower portions;

and

wherein a combination of the raised portions and the lower portions form air pockets or air channels.

49. (original): The cooking vessel according to claim 48, wherein the air pockets or the air channels provide air circulation or air flow during cooking.

50. (original): The cooking vessel according to claim 48, wherein the air pockets or the air channels enhance heat transfer during cooking.

51. (original): The cooking vessel according to claim 49, wherein the air pockets or the air channels enhance heat transfer during cooking.